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BEGIN SUMMARY: IN PARA 15 OF REF A, WE REPORTED ON POTENTIAL  
PROBLEMS CONFRONTING THE SCWG AND RECOMMENDED THAT THE US MAKE  
A STATEMENT AT THE FORTHCOMING MEETING OF THE NATO JOINT C-E  
COMMITTEE (NJCEC). WE ELABORATE ON THE PROBLEMATICAL  
SITUATION AND PROPOSE A STATEMENT. END SUMMARY.

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1. THE STC COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION HAS EXPERTISE AND CAPABILITY  
OF GREAT USEFULNESS TO THE NATO COMMUNICATIONS COMMUNITY.  
HOWEVER, STC IS A SHAPE SUBORDINATE AND RECEIVES ITS TASKING  
FROM SHAPE EXCEPT FOR A SIS-MAN-YEAR SPECIAL PROJECT FUNDED

AND DIRECTED BY NICSMA. THUS, THE NJCEC MUST AT PRESENT SUBMIT TASKING AND INSTRUCTIONS TO STC THROUGH SHAPE. EVEN THOUGH STC MAY BE WORKING ON A NICS OR NICS-RELATED PROJECT, THE NJCEC HAS NO DIRECT INFLUENCE OVER THAT EFFORT, AND NICSMA CAN INFLUENCE ONLY ITS SPECIAL PROJECT.

2. THIS SITUATION IS NOT NECESSARILY DETRIMENTAL PROVIDED NICSMA, SHAPE, AND STC COOPERATE FULLY. THE RELATIONSHIPS OFTEN APPEAR TO BE COMPETITIVE RATHER THAN COOPERATIVE, HOWEVER, SOME KNOWLEDGEABLE OBSERVERS BELIEVE THAT THIS PROBLEM IS A MANIFESTATION OF PROFESSIONAL JEALOUSY OR AFFRONT STC SUFFERS BECAUSE IT WAS NOT DESIGNATED TO IMPLEMENT NICS AFTER DEVELOPING THE CONCEPT. REGARDLESS OF THE CAUSE, NICSMA PERSONNEL OFTEN ALLEGE THAT STC SEEMS ON OCCASION TO BE WORKING AT CROSS PURPOSES WITH NICSMA.

3. AT ITS MEETING ON SEP 24-25, 1975 THE SCWG ESTABLISHED A TECHNICAL ADVISORY PANEL, AS REPORTED IN REF B. STC HAS MUCH TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS PANEL, BUT THE EXTENT OF THE CONTRIBUTION WHICH WILL BE MADE IS QUESTIONABLY TODAY. AS WE STATED IN PARA 15 OF REF A, WE BELIEVE THAT THE NJCEC SHOULD UNEQUIVOCALLY STATE THEIR EXPECTATION THAT THE COMMONLY FUNDED NATO ORGANIZATIONS WILL COOPERATE TO THE FULLEST TO DEVELOP, PROCURE, IMPLEMENT, AND OPERATE NICS. WE RECOMMEND THAT THE US REP TO THE NJCEC, UNDER AGENDA ITEM VII, MAKE A STATEMENT ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:  
BEGIN STATEMENT:

THE UNITED STATES HAS NOTED WITH MUCH INTEREST THE REPORT OF THE SCWG. WE CONTINUE TO SUBSCRIBE FULLY TO THE OBJECTIVES OF THAT WORKING GROUP, AND WE SUPPORT THE NEED FOR AND FORMATION OF THE SCWG ADVISORY PANEL.

WE ALSO HAVE NOTED THAT THE STC TASK CANDE/75/8 OVERLAPS TO SOME EXTENT THE FUNCTIONS THE NJCEC ASSIGNED TO THE SCWG AND IN FACT GOES BEYOND THE INVITATION THIS COMMITTEE EXTENDED TO THE MNCS IN MARCH 1974 TO BEGIN DEVELOPING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE NEXT NATO SATCOM SYSTEM. WE BELIEVE THAT STC IS EMINENTLY QUALIFIED TO UNDERTAKE THIS TASK AND WE APPRECIATE ITS  
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FORWARD-LOOKING ATTITUDE. NEVERTHELESS, THE UNITED STATES HAS CONSISTENTLY ADVOCATED CONSERVATION OF RESOURCES IN NATO AND WE CONSISTENTLY SEEK TO ELIMINATE AND PREVENT DUPLICATION OF EFFORT.

THEREFORE, MR. CHAIRMAN, THE US RECOMMENDS THAT THE DECISION SHEET OF THIS MEETING RECORD:

- THE EXPECTATION OF THE ALLIES THAT THE COMMONLY FUNDED NATO ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED WITH DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NICS WILL WORK TOGETHER IN COOPERATION AND COORDINATION TOWARD THE NICS OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES ESTABLISHED BY THIS COMMITTEE.

- AN INVITATION TO SACEUR TO ASSURE THAT THE STC TASKS RELATED TO NICS, INCLUDING THOSE APPROVED TASKS NOT PART

OF THE NICS SPECIAL PROJECT, ARE PERFORMED IN COMPLETE COORDINATION  
WITH NICSMA AND OTHER APPROPRIATE NATO BODIES.

- AND, IN PARTICULAR, AN INVITATION TO SACEUR TO  
ASSURE THAT STC PERFORMS TASK CANDE/75/8, ENTITLED SATCOM IV  
SYSTEM DEFINITION STUDY, IN CONJUNCTION WITH AND AS A PARTICI-  
PANT IN THE SCWG ADVISORY PANEL. END STATEMENT.STREATOR

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